



Insolvency Act 1985

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PART III

INDIVIDUAL INSOLVENCY

CHAPTER VII

BANKRUPTCY OFFENCES

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- (1) The bankrupt shall be guilty of an offence if he does not deliver up possession to the official receiver or the trustee of his estate, or as the official receiver or trustee may direct, of all books, papers and other records of which he has possession or control and which relate to his estate or affairs.
- (2) The bankrupt shall be guilty of an offence if—
 - (a) he prevents, or between the presentation of the petition and the commencement of the bankruptcy prevented, the production of any books, papers or records relating to his estate or affairs ;
 - (b) he conceals, destroys, mutilates or falsifies, or causes or permits the concealment, destruction, mutilation or falsification of, any books, papers or other records relating to his estate or affairs ;
 - (c) he makes, or causes or permits the making of, any false entries in any book, document or record relating to his estate or affairs; or
 - (d) in the period of twelve months ending with the presentation of the petition or between the presentation of the petition and the making of the bankruptcy order, he did anything which would have been an offence under paragraph (b) or (c) above if the order had been made before he did it.
- (3) The bankrupt shall be guilty of an offence if—

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- (a) he disposes of, alters or makes any omission in, or causes or permits the disposal, altering or making of any omission in, any book, document or record relating to his estate or affairs ; or
- (b) in the period of twelve months ending with the presentation of the petition or between the presentation of the petition and the commencement of the bankruptcy, he did anything which would have been an offence under paragraph (a) above if the order had been made before he did it.